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MUDA denotifies its own prime land !

Alert Tahsildar smells a rat; writes to MUDA on 1.15-acre land in Vijayanagar Second Stage

Land History

- **Apr. 1, 1981:** CITB issues primary land acquisition notification
- **Mar. 29, 1984:** MUDA issues final notification
- **Dec. 5, 1991:** MUDA pays compensation of Rs. 50,000 per acre
- **Feb. 16, 2005:** RTC records show that MUDA had acquired the land
- **Feb. 7, 2006:** MUDA Officer denotifies land without authorisation

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Aug. 22- The spotlight is back on high land cost. As land prices continue to soar in the city, so do the attempts to grab land by creating fake documents and other fraudulent ways.

Even as there are suspicions that land mafia is operating in Mysuru in connivance with Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Revenue Department and other officials of Departments concerned, many incidents of irregularities or lapses regarding land have come to light of late.

In one such incident that goes to prove the suspicion, a 1.15 acre prime land worth crores of rupees, adjoining the 60 ft Main Road near Podar School in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage has been found to be denotified.

Case details

The then City Improvement Trust Board (CITB), now MUDA on Apr. 1, 1981, issued the primary notification to acquire parcels of land coming under Hinkal Grama Panchayat's Survey Nos. 63 to 250, to form Vijayanagar 2nd Stage Residential Layout.

Later, MUDA issued the final notification on Mar. 29, 1984 and formally acquired the land, following which the same was notified in the State Gazette, with the then Under-Secretary of Urban Development Department P. Santana Krishna signing the order. Upon acquiring the land, MUDA on Dec. 5, 1991, announced a compensation for the whole of acquired land at Rs. 50,000 per acre which also included 1 acre and 15 guntas of land coming under Survey No. 105, belonging to one K.V. Vittalrao.

Subsequent to the acquisition and payment of compensation, this 1.15 acre land was recorded in the Mysuru Taluk Office RTC records on Feb. 16, 2005 that MUDA had acquired the land under M.R. No. 82 as per order No. HUD-82, MIE/82.

(See LAND on page 7)

Parent consent must for physical classes

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (MTY&BCT)- As high schools and PU colleges are all set to open partially for in-person classes from tomorrow (Aug. 23), the State Government has asked institutions to obtain mandatory consent letter from parents allowing their children to attend physical classes from ninth standard till second PUC.

From tomorrow, physical classes will begin for half-a-day in the morning for all schools located in districts with a COVID Positivity Rate of less than 2 percent. Students will have half-a-day classes for the initial days and thereafter opening of the lower classes will be decided upon. Offline classes are not compulsory for students. They can attend online or alternative mediums of classes. Schools are expected to make arrangements for alternative mode of teaching too. ***[See also page 9]***

In the wake of COVID-19, most parents are still reluctant to send their children. A large number of parents are not likely to give permissions to their wards. "However, we have made it mandatory for all students to carry a consent letter from parents. The letter will state that the students are not infected with the virus and parents have no objection to send their children to schools and in case the child is infected or falls sick, neither the Department nor the institution would be held responsible," Deputy Director of PU (DDPU) Education, Mysuru, Srinivas told *SOM*.

Even Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI) Ramachandraraje Urs confirmed to *SOM* that consent letters will be made mandatory. "Parents can write the consent letter on a plain sheet of paper and while entering the schools, the letter must be handed over to the school authorities. In case if any student comes to the school without the letter, we will call the parents over phone and ask them to give their no objection letter from the next day," he said.

(See CONSENT on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 22nd August 2021

Joyalukkas Bridal Fest

Flat 30% off on your dream jewellery

Mysuru, Aug. 22- As the wedding season nears, the much-awaited Joyalukkas Bridal Fest is back with much more choices and exciting offers. The limited period Bridal Fest will feature an exciting new array of trendy and traditional bridal jewellery collections for weddings.

Joyalukkas has also announced a Special Wedding Package as part of its Bridal Fest, which includes a flat 30% off on Making Charges (VA) for all jewellery.

Announcing the Bridal Fest, Joy Alukkas, Chairman and Managing Director, Joyalukkas Group, said: "The gold rates have consolidated just in time for the wedding season. This year's Bridal Fest will feature the latest trends in bridal jewellery collections. We have added new concept designs across all price points to make it a special celebration for all our patrons."

All Joyalukkas showrooms adhere to stringent safety norms to ensure a safe shopping experience for its customers and staff. The measures include allowing a minimum number of customers at a time, touch-free hand sanitiser dispensers, temperature screening at entry, placement of social distancing markers, UV sanitisation of jewellery and showrooms before and after showroom hours.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The falling number of Gulf migrants and increasing Gulf returnees point to India's larger hardships in the coming years. Arabisation of the labour force, falling oil revenues, entry of women in the Arab labour market, especially in the professional and retailing sector, competition from migrants from other Asian countries and an overall slump in the construction industry have contributed to falling demand for Indian migrants. This, in turn, will have harsh implications for labour-exporting States like Kerala, which depends heavily upon Gulf remittances to manage the State economy. Lesser Gulf migration means a host of cascading effects; lesser employment abroad, fall in remittances and lesser demand from semi-skilled professions in labour-exporting States like Kerala for internal migration from other parts of India.

With none foreseeing an early end to the pandemic or an effective antidote, a vast majority of repatriated Indians will not return to their jobs in the Gulf. Countries that opened their streets and skies due to domestic economic pressures are witnessing a resurgence of different variants. The pre-COVID normal still appears a distant and even elusive dream.

If India does not rise to the occasion, the falling Gulf migration, huge Gulf returnees and falling remittances are a cocktail for sudden social unrest.

—P.R. Kumaraswamy in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

Gujarat Man opens 'Cat Garden'

Kutch: A Gujarat-based man, Upendra Goswami, has established a home for cats named "Cat Garden" spread across an area of 500 square yards.

Goswami, a custom house agent living in Gandhidham city in Kutch, established the "Cat Garden" in 2017, which has over 200 cats now. He dedicated the cat house to his late sister who died in 1994.

"We celebrate the birthday of my late sister every year. Once a cat entered our house and ate her birthday cake (this was after she had passed away). Since then, it has been staying with us. We believe that it is our sister who is staying with us in the form of cat," he said adding that his family started raising many cats since then.

Cats raised in the cat house are provided with all facilities. "We have four AC rooms here and 16 cottages along with 12 beds. There are showers and a mini theatre where the cats watch animal related shows in the evening," said Goswami.

This Hospital vaccinates for a Record!

Mumbai: A Mumbai hospital teamed up with an Insurance Co., to break a Guinness World Record and vaccinate more than 30,000 people in a week.

Surana Sethia Hospital, in partnership with ICICI Lombard, set the Guinness record by registering 30,467 people to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations (Aug. 7-14). All of them were vaccinated on the spot.

"As the pandemic continues to re-emerge in waves, it is most crucial to vaccinate the population," Surana Sethia Hospital CEO Dr. Prince Surana said. "The underprivileged sections of society are in a disadvantageous position as they do not have the resources and facilities to travel long distances to get themselves and their family members inoculated. That's why we collaborated with ICICI Lombard for this drive."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Coping with Hemorrhoids in pregnancy

Finding small painful lumps in anal area is not uncommon in pregnancy. Most of these respond well to home treatment: treat constipation; do Kegel's exercises; soothing sit's bath; avoid standing or sitting for long stretches; applying ice packs etc. Sometimes using soothing creams and stool softeners prescribed by your doctor is necessary.

By Dr. Madhura Phatak - Consultant Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

'Sri Vasudeva Maharaja Sadbhavana Prashasti'

Venkateshaiah Dr. Renukaprasad Dr. Venkatesh Shivaprakash

Mysuru, Aug. 22- As part of the 13th annual Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Vasudeva Maharaja, Brahmibhoota Sri Vasudeva Maharaja Foundation, Vidyaranyapuram, has organised 'Sri Vasudeva Maharaja Sadbhavana Prashasti' presentation ceremony at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city on Aug. 25 at 11.30 am.

Sri Somashekara Swamiji will grace the occasion. Social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Dr. C. Sharath Kumar, industrialist M.N. Doreswamy, District Kananda Sahitya Parishat former President Maddikere Gopal and Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar will be present.

On the occasion, 'Sri Vasudeva Maharaja Sadbhavana Prashasti' will be presented to S.V. Venkateshaiah (Yoga), Dr. A.R. Renukaprasad (Medicine), Ln. Dr. S. Venkatesh (Social Work) and M. Shivaprakash (Industry).

REALLY...?

- ***1650: Blaise Pascal invented a syringe (not necessarily hypodermic) as an application of what is now called Pascal's law.***
- ***1844: Irish Physician Francis Rynd invented the hollow needle and used it to make the first recorded subcutaneous injections, specifically a sedative to treat neuralgia.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Boy: *Why don't you have a boyfriend?*

Girl: *I am not allowed to have a boyfriend...but why don't you have a girlfriend?*

Boy: *Because you are not allowed to have boyfriend yet. So simply waiting for you !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.35
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.29
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.23
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.97

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	AUGUST 20	AUGUST 21
Day's Positive Cases	87	102
Total Positive Cases	1,75,080	1,75,182
Day's Discharges	111	109
Total Discharges	1,71,725	1,71,834
Day's Deaths	2	1
Total Deaths	2,348	2,349
Total Active Cases	1,007	999

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

This Road crying for attention

Sir,

The road running behind Fathima Supermarket in Rajivnagar 1st Stage is in a deplorable condition. Despite our complaints to the lady Corporator of our Ward No.11, no action has been taken so far and no one has even come to inspect the road.

There are deep potholes on the road, bricks and stones have been used by the residents to try and fill the potholes, but it has become dangerous, treacherous in fact, for vehicles and pedestrians, especially after dark. The road is becoming worse day by day and it is now almost impossible for me to even step out of my gate.

I would earnestly request the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner to pay a little attention to the outskirt areas like ours. We are totally neglected, in spite of paying our taxes. I sincerely hope suitable action will be taken as early as possible.

—P.M. Michael
on e-mail
Rajivnagar 1st Stage
20.8.2021

School fee issue to be decided after consensus

Nagesh

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (SPN&DM)- Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh said that the school fee issue will be fixed after holding talks with private school managements, parents and all other stakeholders.

He was speaking to press persons after visiting Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill in the city and seeking the blessings of Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji on Friday.

Pointing out that some persons have moved the Court on the school fee issue, Nagesh said that the Government will ensure that parents are not burdened by high school fee.

Talks will be held with the Department officials and other stakeholders in this regard so as to arrive at a consensus on the contentious school fee issue, he added.

Referring to the opening of schools for First to Eighth standard classes, the Minister said that the Government was ready to allow re-opening of schools. The Education Department is in constant touch with officials concerned and experts, he noted.

Pointing out that physical classes for standards nine to twelve will commence from Aug. 23 (Monday), the Minister said that students who have attained 18 years of age are being vaccinated.

Contending that a decision on re-opening of schools for lower standards (one to eight) will be taken after the Expert Committee comes up with its recommendations and suggestions, he expressed confidence that there will be good public response for re-opening of schools.

Develop Krishnaraja as model constituency, Ramdas tells MCC officials

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (MTY&SSV)- Krishnaraja (KR) MLA S.A. Ramdas held a meeting with officials of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and asked them to take up the emergency projects on priority for overall development of his constituency.

Chairing a meeting held at MCC Old Council Hall here yesterday, he said a detailed proposal has been prepared for the development of KR Constituency on the occasion 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. One of them has been conversion of the existing roads into 'safety road'. The Assembly segment has 422 km road of which 200 km stretch of road was in bad condition. Steps must be taken to keep this road in good condition. Measures have been taken to make KR Constituency as 'Safety Road' constituency by August 15, 2022, he added.

Ramdas said 114 parks, 18 crematoriums and six circles are identified for development under the Nagarotthana scheme. The identified places will be developed to make Krishnaraja as a model constituency. Plans are afoot to provide houses for the shelter-less people in the Constituency.

MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Additional Commissioner Shashikumar and others attended the meeting.

RMNH Mysuru reopens to public from tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 22- The **Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH),** Mysuru, is reopening its galleries to the public after the year-long lockdown owing to COVID regulations.

The Museum will be thrown open to the public from tomorrow (Aug. 23) on all weekdays (Monday-Friday) between 10 am and 6 pm until further orders.

The entry to the Museum will be regulated under the following COVID protocols which will be strictly enforced:

No Mask - No Entry Policy; Regulation of Maximum 20 visitors at any point of time in the Museum; Compulsory thermal scanning of visitors; Collection of database of visitors; Sanitisation of visitors; Social distancing of visitors, according to a press release from Dr. Arjun Prasad Tiwari, Scientist-C & Head of Office, RMNH, Mysuru.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption

Owing to maintenance work, there will be power disruption from 9 am to 6 pm on Aug. 24 in the following areas: Tagadur, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Alaganchi, Hedathale, Konanur, Nerale, Hemmaragala and Kavalande in Nanjangud; De Paul, Nehru Nagar, Bharat Nagar, DTS Rao Nagar, Cauvery Nagar, VTU College, Tanveer Sait Nagar, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi and surrounding areas.

Grievances meet

The CESC will be conducting a public grievances meet of power consumers at its office at Bannur town in T. Narasipur taluk from 11 am to 1 pm on Aug. 25 and at it's T. Narasipur office premises from 3 pm to 5 pm the same day (Aug. 25). Power consumers coming under the respective CESC offices may attend the meeting and air their grievances. [Ph: 08221-295688]

Invited to speak at Virtual Intl. Conference

Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna, Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru has been invited as keynote speaker for a virtual international conference scheduled at Amsterdam, Netherlands during Aug. 26 - 27. He will be speaking on the topic, "Recent Advances and Research Prospects in Cryogenics" at the 'Global Conference and Expo on Applied Science, Engineering and Technology (ISTAS - 2021).'

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	120.18	feet
Yesterday	:	120.14	feet
Inflow	:	6,316	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,545	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.18	feet
Inflow	:	3,446	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,875	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.69	feet
Inflow	:	2,412	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,945	cusecs

'Only rightful Constitutional recognition can save Kodavas'

Senior Congress leader B.K. Hariprasad speaks at CNC seminar

Madikeri, Aug. 22 (PS&BCT)- Kodavas have been agitating for over two decades seeking the grant of their Constitutionally-guaranteed rights and only these rights and privileges can guarantee the survival of this rare community, opined MLC and senior Congress leader B.K. Hariprasad.

He was addressing a seminar on Kodava rights, demands and aspirations. The event was organised by Codava National Council (CNC) at a private resort in Murnad recently.

"Kodava community must get special recognition under Article 371 (k). The community deserves recognition in the Scheduled Tribe list as their lifestyle, custom, traditions, practices and festivals reflect the tribal spirit," he noted.

CNC's demand and claim for geo-political Autonomy is most legitimate, logical, feasible and deserving in all sense among any other demands, he opined. The Kodava tribe which is facing the threat of extinction should be enlisted under Scheduled Tribes of the Indian Constitution. "The Government should take measures to protect the tradition of Kodavas. Provision of ST tag is necessary in this regard," he added.

On this occasion, 'Codava Rathna' award was conferred on Hariprasad and eminent jurist A.S. Ponnanna. The main purpose of this award is to recognise and respect those who go out of their way even risking their well-established career for the cause of the Kodava community.

Hariprasad had raised the community's aspirations in the Parliament and in the Legislative Council. Also, he moved a "Private Member Constitution Amendment Bill 2016" to include Kodava language in the 8th schedule of the Constitution. He advocated the grant of ST tag to Kodavas and also argued that the gun licence exemption should be continued to Kodavas forever and should not be restricted to 10 years.

According to CNC President N.U. Nachappa, certain resolutions were passed at the seminar to safeguard the genus of Kodava tribe and its civilisation. The community fulfils the definition of indigenous people promulgated by the United Nations through various declarations and steps must be taken in this regard to protect it.

"By trait, Kodavas are tribals and by our miniscule size of population, we are a minority in all senses. That is tribal, racial, ethnic, linguistic and national minority. We have every criteria and right to claim for empowerment defined for various indigenous tribes, minority groups and ethno linguistic nationals enshrined in the UN Charter," he added.

"We are indigenous primitive tribe and it is our fundamental human right and freedom to exercise internal political self-determination right and to have geo-political autonomy in our own defined, indivisible traditional homeland," he demanded. High Court advocate Lakkavalli Manjunath, Political Science lecturer Dr. P.E. Somaiah and others were present.

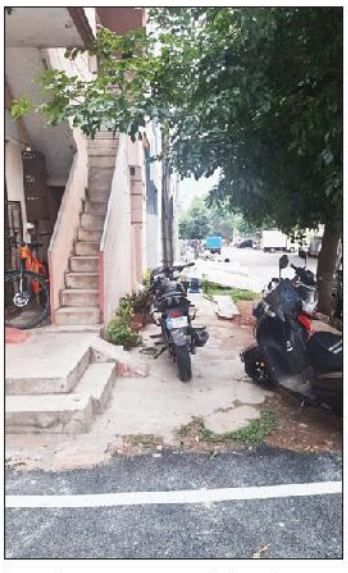
Residents complain of drainage space encroachment in Gokulam

Mysuru, Aug. 22- Gokulam residents have alleged that footpath has been encroached upon in front of EWS houses in Gokulam.

In a letter addressed to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner, Mandanna, a resident of Gokulam, complained that about 10 ft. of footpath space and drainage space in front of EWS houses on 7th main, Gokulam 3rd Stage, has been encroached upon with the erection of grills and compound wall.

Pointing out that the road is a busy one with vehicles plying in large numbers, Mandanna said that due to encroachment water gushes into the houses on the opposite side whenever there is heavy rain.

He noted that following a petition submitted to the MCC in this regard, the then MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde had visited the spot and ordered the AE, AEE and the MCC Zonal Assistant Commissioner to open up the drainage, which has been covered due to encroachment. But as nothing was done after that, several representations were made to the MCC in this regard, which have proved futile.



As such, Mandanna and others, in their letter dated 13.8.2021 have requested the present MCC Commissioner to clear the footpath encroachment and thus make way for free pedestrian and vehicular movement on the road.

Assembly monsoon session from Sept. 13 to 24

Bengaluru, Aug. 22 (UNI)- The Karnataka Government has decided to hold the monsoon session of the Karnataka Legislature from Sept. 13 to 24 in Bengaluru, and this was decided in the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Speaking to newsmen, Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Assembly session was delayed and now it will be held for ten days from Sept. 13 to 24. This is Bommai's first Assembly session after becoming the CM post B.S. Yediyurappa's resignation.

Ministers Sriramulu and Anand Singh were conspicuous by their absence at the Cabinet meeting. The monsoon session will be held at a time when there is fear of a third wave. Madhuswamy stated that the meeting also did not take up the issue of change of name of Indira Canteens.

The Cabinet has approved Karnataka State Mental Health Care Rule, 2021. Administrative sanction for the distribution of sanitary pads under the "Shuchi" programme to adolescent girls of Government and aided Schools and Colleges was also given.

It was also decided that 2,859 health centres will be set up as health and wellness centres at a cost of Rs. 478,91 crore. Over 60 percent of the project fund will come from the Centre.

Calling economically backward women

Mysuru, Aug. 22- The Office of Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) has invited applications from eligible economically backward women for availing subsidy under Udyogini self-employment scheme of Karnataka State Women Development Corporation and to avail loans from banks.

Economically backward women in the age group of 18 to 55 years are eligible to apply. The annual family income of applicants from General Category women should not exceed Rs.1.5 lakh and that for women from SC/ST communities should not exceed Rs. 2 lakh. Last date to apply is Sept.10.

For details, call the Office at — Mysuru city - 0821- 2491962; Mysuru rural - 0821- 2567940; T. Narasipur - 08227-261267; Bilikere - 08222 - 297171; Nanjangud- 08221- 226168; Hunsur- 08222-252254; H.D. Kote- 08228- 255320 and K. R. Nagar- 08223- 262714, according to a press release.

Temporary list of 14 elephants prepared for Dasara

Forest officials seek health report from veterinarians

DCF Dr. V. Karikalan, Veterinarian Dr. Ramesh and RFO Kiran are seen with Dasara elephants Abhimanyu and Bheema-2 along with Abhimanyu's Mahout Vasanth and Kavadi Raju and Bheema-2 Mahout Raghu at Mathigod Elephant Camp yesterday.

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (MTY&KS)- With 'Nada Habba' Dasara nearing, the Forest Department officials have began the process of selecting elephants which will be taking part in the 10-day festivities in Mysuru.

On Saturday, DCF (Wildlife) Dr. V. Karikalan, Veterinarians Dr. Ramesh and Dr. Chittiappa and other Forest officials, who visited four elephant camps — Mathigodu, Dodda Harave, Anekadu and Dubare — have prepared a temporary list of Dasara elephants which include three females and 11 male elephants. The 14 elephants include Golden Howdah carrying jumbo Abhimanyu, Gopi, Gopalakrishna, Vikram, Dhananjay, Prashanth, Harsha, Lakshman, Vijay, Chaitra, Kaveri and Vijaya among others.

The Forest officials have sought information pertaining to elephants' health condition, weight, age, experience in participating in Dasara, health issues in last two years etc. from the veterinarians of the respective elephant camps, where the Dasara elephants are housed and submit a report.

DCF Dr. Karikalan, speaking to *SOM* said that a temporary list of 14 elephants housed in four elephant camps has been prepared, thus launching selection process of Dasara elephants as Dasara festival is nearing.

"Vets have been instructed to give reports on the health conditions of the elephants besides asking the vets to confirm whether the Mahouts and Kavadis, who will be accompanying the elephants to Mysuru, have been administered with COVID vaccine. A revised list of elephants for Dasara will be prepared only after receiving the report," DCF Dr. Karikalan said.

The concept of this year's Dasara celebrations will be known only after the Dasara High-Level Committee meeting and following instruction from the Government, the final list of Dasara elephants will be sent to the Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF). Hence, the final list of Dasara elephants will be prepared following instructions from higher officials, he added.

When asked whether COVID test was mandatory for elephants, the DCF said that there were no reports from across the globe that elephants have contracted COVID-19, but there are reports of a tiger and a lion in Zoos contracting the deadly virus. In this backdrop, elephants participating in this year's Dasara will not undergo any tests for COVID-19 but necessary steps will be taken pertaining to the health of Mahouts, Kavadis and their assistants, who will be accompanying the jumbos.

Somwarpet Division ACF K.A. Nehru, RFOs Kiran and Ananya Kumar, DRFO Ranjan and others were present.

IPS Officer Savita Hande

helps evacuation from Kabul

A file photo of IPS Officer Savita Hande with her batch mates — ADGP Bhaskar Rao and Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant.

Bengaluru,Aug.22(Agencies)- IPS Officer from Karnataka Savita Hande, presently serving as Senior UN Security Officer in Kabul, is in a safe zone and helping in evacuation.

A 1990-batch IPS officer and batch mate of ADGP (Railways) Bhaskar Rao and City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant, she was deployed to Kosovo in 2000 after being relieved from cadre and since then was interested in doing United Nations service.

"Savita is wedded to the spirit of humanity. Despite a grave danger to her personal security and safety and being a woman, being an Indian woman, she is discharging her duties in hostile territory. She is our batch mate and cadre mate from Karnataka... had she continued here, she would have been an Additional DGP. She is doing great work," Bhaskar Rao told reporters.

"I am proud as well as worried for Savita amid a handful of brave UN personnel who have chosen to stay in Kabul, defending and ensuring humanitarian support amidst mayhem. We appreciate her courage and commitment to humanity," he added.

After she was deployed to Kosovo in 2000, she has been posted in Jakarta, East Timor, South Sudan and New York, and now she is in Kabul.

"She has messaged that she is in Kabul. She has done a lot of evacuation and is striving to save the United Nation's property and maintain peace in a hostile situation," Bhaskar Rao said.

Savita Hande has served in various capacities in Karnataka before getting deputed to central services in 2000. She was Additional Superintendent of Police in Bidar and Holenarasipur and served as Superintendent of Police in Udupi and Hassan. She has also participated in operations against forest brigand Veerappan.

Scholarship for music, dance students

Mysuru, Aug. 22- The Kannada & Culture Department and Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy have invited applications from music students practicing Karnatak Music, Hindustani Music, Dance, Sugama Sangeetha, Katha Keertana and Gamaka, for availing student scholarship for the year 2021-22.

The scholarship amount is Rs. 10,000. Music/ dance students in the age group of 16 to 24 years are eligible to apply. The application forms are available in the Academy's website — ***https://karnatakasangeetanrityaacademy.com/*** — and Academy's Facebook Page.

Applications can also be obtained for free from the office of the Kannada & Culture Asst. Director of respective districts.

The applications can even be obtained by post by sending a stamped (Rs. 10) self-addressed envelope to the Registrar, Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya Academy, Kannada Bhavan, Second Floor, J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560002. The last date to apply is Sept. 17.

If parakeets can maintain social distancing, why can't we?

With COVID-19 preventive guidelines in force, these parakeets seem to be 'literally' following the guidelines by maintaining social distancing while perching on tree tops and branches. This photo clicked recently at the foot of Chamundi Hill was sent by Star of Mysore reader N.S. Sudarshan Krishna, a resident of Saraswathipuram.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Heritage Structures; The Way Forward

Through my past four articles in this series about the three imperilled landmarks in our city, I have placed before you the sad plight they are now in and how nothing is being done to restore them to their former glory, although they all, along with many other similar landmarks, have a very great historic importance.

Jean-Marc Mercy, a former Professor of Semiconductor Physics at the **University of Montpellier** in France and a frequent visitor to our city, who has made many friends in and around the **Devaraja Market** has written to say that this structure should be prevented from being demolished and gobbled up by land-sharks. He bemoans the decay of old buildings and the erection of new ones in Mysuru.

Another former resident of our city, **Raghupathi Rao** has written from Pune to say that he cherishes the memories of the many shops he used to visit in and around the Devaraja Market and hopes that the place will get a new lease of strength and life. **He says that he still remembers the peculiar smell of the place which I too think has remained unchanged since the days of my own childhood!**

Whenever citizens raise the issue of the renovation of our heritage structures, a blame game immediately starts with each corridor of public office passing the buck to the other. **A much-used excuse to avoid doing something that is not very profitable, is the plea that they are all structures protected by the heritage tag which makes them untouchable by ordinary hands. It is a different matter that allowing them to crumble under their own weight and age is considered acceptable as collateral damage for being under special protection!**

So, it clearly looks like all those who constitute the triad of politicians, bureaucrats and contractors are waiting for time to take its toll and then get the green signal to demolish them completely and resurrect them as completely new concrete monsters.

There is nothing very surprising about this as we all know very well that there is no dearth of the element of vested interest and those vested with this outstanding attribute in our country.

Meanwhile, because I have now taken up the issue of highlighting their plight, I have been receiving much feedback and many suggestions too from concerned and pained readers about what they think is the best way forward. **Although I find that there are myriad variations in people's views, there seem to be two very clear standpoints. While one says that we should not browbeat and make our heritage a very big issue, allowing it to stall our progress, the other says that we should go all out to protect it as a legacy of the past, worthy of being protected and preserved.**

At a recent meeting I had with my fellow members of the Alert Citizens Team (ACT), this topic was the subject of much discussion which ended with us drawing up some very optimistic plans about which I shall talk in the days to come, after they fructify. At this meeting a few people asked what useful purpose these structures serve us to merit so much attention, both in the media and the minds of the people?

Yes, this is a very pertinent question but I feel that our heritage is not only a very essential part of our history but it is also an eyewitness to it that supports it and tells us where we have come from and the path we have traversed. A final year student at The Wadiyar Centre for Architecture, B.R. Bhoomika, who is passionate about the iconic image of our city, feels that we should have a balanced view and tread the middle path. Citing the example of her own college building and its library which have been very beautifully integrated with the architectural character of the old **Ursu Boarding School** building, she says that with due respect and concern for our heritage we should retain and preserve only what can be preserved and build newer structures with modern technology and design for present day utility around them.

My friend **Dr. K.R. Nagabhushan,** who happens to be a well-known orthopaedic surgeon of our city, feels that it is pointless to expect our heritage structures to live beyond their practical utility and so considering their prime locations, we should say goodbye to them gracefully and let them make way for newer and more utilitarian structures that can become the legacy of our time which we in turn can leave behind for the coming generations. And, it goes without saying that this tradition will go on with the passage of time. This approach no doubt makes much sense from the standpoint of all those who are practical minded about where we are going but to all those like me would have the tendency to be unduly sentimental about where we have come from, it seems more than a little painful. And, in feeling this way I am not alone because going by the volume and tone of the feedback that I am receiving, Mysureans seem to be more than a little sentimental!

But we have sat over the matter for too long and so whether we tread the first path or the second, it is certainly time now for us to stand up and start walking !

The Mystery of the Murphy Baby !

A couple of months ago while I was writing my series about vintage music, Gramaphones and radios, I had mentioned about Murphy being the leading brand of radios in our country for nearly three decades.

Murphy was a British radio and television brand based in Welwyn Garden City, England and it was founded in 1929 by **Frank Murphy** and **E. J. Power.** The company played a major role in building and supplying radio sets for the British armed forces during the World War II with their wireless set, the Model 38 and the B40 series being noted for their ruggedness and long range. The company was amalgamated with **Bush Radio** in the year 1962.

In the year 1975, when I was first year medical student in Gulbarga, I too became a proud owner of a **Murphy Munna,** the smallest model in the Murphy range, when I won it in a lottery for just one rupee! I later gifted to my younger brother **Dr. Khalid Saleem** who after using it for many years still has it in perfect working condition, thanks to his unique ability to set right anything that breaks down!

And, as most of my contemporaries know very well the brand ambassador of these radios was the chubby **'Murphy Baby'** who flashed his rather guarded smile from every magazine ad and hoarding across the country. It was only long after radios and radio ads faded from our lives and times that some of us started wondering who this kid was and what he has grown into with the passage of the years.

Yes, like all of us, he too has grown up and has now become a man! His name is **Kagyur Tulku Rinpoche** and in case you need a more identifiable link to his identity, he is none other than the husband of **Mandakini**, the film actress of the yesteryears. He used to live in Manali and he started appearing in the Murphy ads at the age of three and he was a sensation in his hometown because of his role. In case you are wondering why he was never seen in any other ad after his overpowering role for Murphy, you will be astonished to know that he became a monk and stayed in a monastery for twenty years.

Since most monks do not marry, you may now be wondering how he got married? Even I do not know the answer to this question but I intend to ask him if I bump into him which seems very unlikely. **But anything can happen in this wide world. If a monk can meet a girl and get married to her, why can't a doctor meet a former monk and ask him how he lost his monkhood !**

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Kagyur Tulku Rinpoche, as the Murphy Baby. Picture right shows Rinpoche with his wife and child.

Yaduveer visits Regatta venue; appeals to promote sport

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (Vinay Karekura&SSV)- Day three of the National Regatta Competition witnessed speeches by various senior sailors in the backwaters of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam this morning.

Meanwhile, the event received a boost when Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of the erstwhile Mysore royal family, visited the spot to witness the ongoing activities. Speaking to *SOM,* Yaduveer said this is a most adventurous water sport which had failed to get its due importance in the country. The backwaters of KRS is an ideal place to hold this championship. "I will appeal to people to see and promote this sport", he added.

The sailors favoured simplified rules for the promotion of this sport. The club must target youngsters to create interest in sailing. Captain Aravind Sharma and others were present.

Notice served

Notice has been served on the owner of a land adjacent to the venue of National Regatta Competition warning of legal action in case of any breach in Corona safety protocol. Yelwal Sub-Inspector H.K. Nikitha has served a notice on Sanjay, land owner, at around 3.30 pm yesterday, asking him to ensure strict implementation of COVID Appropriate Behaviour rules by the participating sailors.

Responding, Captain Sharma, Founder, Royal Mysore Sailing Club, said the Police notice has been received and will give appropriate reply soon.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that Departments of Fire Services and Health have given permission to hold the event.

Commercial bodies to move HC against MCC's tax policy

Mysuru, Aug.22 (RKB&DM)- With the MCC upwardly revising the property taxes and all other Revenue taxes amidst the COVID crisis, owners of several commercial properties and buildings, who have strongly opposed the MCC's move, held an interaction with Arun Ponnappa, a senior Karnataka High Court Judge and an expert in Revenue tax issues, at Saptapadi Kalyana Mantap in Vijayanagar, this morning.

The meeting unanimously resolved to petition the High Court for seeking an immediate stay on the MCC's tax regime in respect of commercial properties.

The interactive meeting was held under the banner of MCC Revenue Tax Payers and more than 40 members from different associations took part.

Hotel Owners Association President C.Narayanagowda said that though a delegation from trade bodies recently met the MCC Commissioner G.Lakshmikantha Reddy, the Commissioner expressed his helplessness saying that the Tax revision was done as per a Government order.

The interactive meeting focused on Four-key issues concerning commercial bodies- Imposition of high tax after Super-Commercial and Commercial classification of properties, Double taxation, Non-issuance of C.R's (Completion Report) in respect of commercial buildings and exhorbitant hike in Trade license fee.

The members handed over all the documents and records pertaining to payment of Taxes to senior HC advocate Arun Ponnappa, who said that a petition will be filed in the High Court seeking a stay against the MCC's actions, which has caused a lot of problems for Commercial property owners in Mysuru city.

Parent consent must for physical classes

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In Mysuru there are over 257 colleges including Government, aided and private. "Last year, we had given away 30,300 seats and this year, the number has risen to 38,678. Of them, several opt for para-medical courses, ITI, diplomas and also job-oriented courses," DDPU Srinivas added.

Appeal to parents

DDPU Srinivas has made an appeal to the parents not to rush for admissions in particular colleges. "They can choose colleges close to their homes instead of far away areas. Traveling is risky during pandemic times and all colleges including Government and private provide quality online and offline education. We have made all the arrangements and even added 20% of the rooms to accommodate many SSLC passed out students," he said.

Online classes option is kept open for those students who do not wish to come to school. It is also mandated for students to get water and food from home. Schools can make provision for either hot or boiled (and cooled) water if children want a refill. Students are discouraged from sharing their meals and water with each other.

MUDA denotifies its own prime land !

(Continued from page 1)

Later on Feb. 7, 2006, the then MUDA Special Land Acquisition Officer arbitrarily denotified the said acquired land (1.15 acre coming under Hinkal Survey No. 105) without any Government order or a Court order in place.

Khata registered

Thereafter, using a copy of denotification of the said land, the then Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar registered the khata pertaining to the said land in the name of a woman. As the khata was done, the land subsequently changed hands quickly. Now, it has been discovered that the RTC of the said land (1.15 acre) stands in the name of one Venkatachala Reddy, son of late Kondareddy (No. MRT 50/2020-21).

What is to be noted here is that how the then Special Land Acquisition Officer, who has no authority whatsoever, could denotify this acquired prime land when neither the Government nor the Chief Minister has any powers to denotify any land once acquired, in the absence of any Court order.

Now, how the RTC was issued in the name of a woman, when even the khata was not done in the name of the original land owner, is a million dollar question.

Tahsildar finds deal suspicious

The irregularity came to light when the current RTC holder (Venkatachala Reddy) went to the Taluk Office to pay land (Revenue) tax. The current Tahsildar K.R. Rakshith, sensing something wrong, did not permit payment of tax.

Thereafter, Rakshith wrote to MUDA's Special Land Acquisition Officer on July 19, 2021, asking for submission of a report along with all supporting documents and maps on whether or not the said land was indeed acquired by MUDA on Mar. 29, 1984.

MUDA Chairman reacts

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev told *Star of Mysore* that the issue of denotification of 1.15 acre land coming under Hinkal Survey No. 105, has just come to his notice.

"I will thoroughly scrutinise all the records pertaining to the said land and if the land is indeed denotified, a thorough probe will be ordered. Any land cannot be denotified once it has been acquired and the same has been notified in the Gazette," he said.

"No officer has the powers to denotify the land in the absence of any Court order or the Government's intervention. However, strict action will be initiated if irregularities or lapses are found to have taken place and action will be taken as per law if anyone is found guilty," he added.

Former UP Chief Minister Kalyan Singh passes away

Lucknow, Aug.22- Former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Kalyan Singh passed away at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (SGPGI) in Lucknow last night at about 9.15. He was 89.

Kalyan Singh

He was admitted to the hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) on July 4 due to an infection and reduced consciousness level.

Chief Minister Yogi Adiyanath informed that Singh's last rites will be performed on the bank of Ganga in Narora on the evening of Aug. 23 which will be a public holiday.

Singh was appointed CM of Uttar Pradesh for the first time in 1991, but resigned following the demolition of Babri Masjid on Dec. 6, 1992. He became Chief Minister for a second term in 1997, but was removed by his party in 1999 and left the BJP, forming his own party.

In September 2019 he was brought to trial for criminal conspiracy to demolish the Babri Masjid. He was acquitted by a Special CBI Court in 2020.

Paradise Tree

A tree for health & wealth

Trees of multi-utility value are grown and managed for more than one product/ output. Commonly known as Multi-Purpose Trees (MPTs), they fulfil several needs of human beings. One such tree is 'Paradise tree' also known as 'Simarouba', 'Oil tree', 'Dysentery-bark', 'Bitterwood', 'Aceituno' etc. It is a versatile tree as almost all plant parts are economically useful (oil production, soaps & detergents, herbal medicine, timber and fuel) besides being ornamental. In India, it is gaining importance as a herbal cure for certain type of cancer(s). Scientific name of the tree is Simarouba glauca belonging to the family Simaroubaceae. It is an introduced tree native to Florida, South America and the Caribbean. It was brought to India by National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Research Station at Amravati, Maharashtra, during 1960s. Later (1986) it was introduced to Bengaluru (University of Agricultural Sciences) and extensively studied therein for its utilitarian value.

Recognising its immense economic value to the mankind, Sri Ravishankar Guruji named the tree as 'Lakshmi Taru' (Lakshmi: Goddess of wealth and Taru: Tree) and the name stays on and forever in India. Needless to say the tree is patronised by Guruji by promoting its cultivation.

It is a small to medium-sized evergreen tree with a straight cylindrical bole, a circular crown (canopy) and shallow root system; up to 40 ft. height. Outer bark is finely cracked, grey; Leaves; alternate, pinnately compound, leaflets 10 to 20, oblong; bluish green above, lighter below, margin entire, often notched at apex; Inflorescence a panicle (dichasial cyme), terminal. Wide range of variations are observed in floral characteristics such as male, female and andro-monoecious forms — having hermaphrodite flowers on several branches of the same tree; and therefore considered as polygamo-dioecious. Flowers inconspicuous; Calyx: sepals 5 free, green; Corolla: petals 5, free yellowish-white, overlapping; Male flowers with gynophores but without ovaries, stamens10; Female flowers with non-functional stamens; ovary 5 loculed, each with a single ovule. Occasionally perfect flowers are produced on staminate or carpellate trees. Fruit: drupe, in groups of 2-5, oval to oblong ovate; Seeds: up to 2 cm. Two varieties are recognised: Gauri (greenish white) and Kaali (violet) wherein the drupelets turn greenish yellow & black, respectively on ripening. Flowering begins during December and continues till February end; Fruits April/ May.

USEFUL TIPS

- Besides being a plantation tree, Paradise tree also makes a beautiful ornamental foliage tree for parks and gardens.
- It is shade tolerant. Hence, suitable for growing under the canopy of large trees in orchards of big trees like mango and coconut.
- A well-grown tree yields 15 to 30 kg nut-lets yielding 2-5 kg oil and an equivalent quantity of oil cake.
- Not all trees are fully productive due to staminate or male flowers. By grafting with an appropriate scion, the productivity can be increased.
- It is an eco-friendly tree and checks soil erosion & also helps soil stabilisation due to well-developed root system besides supporting soil microbial flora and improving groundwater level.
- Useful for wasteland development and urban forestry. Being an introduced tree, in my opinion, it should be grown outside the natural (pristine) forest area.
- Attracts animals & birds like squirrels, cuckoos, mynas, bulbuls, jackals, porcupines etc. By eating fruits, they help in seed dispersal & natural regeneration.
- The plant nursery at Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Ashram is supposed to be one of the largest producers of Lakshmi Taru saplings in Karnataka. Its collaborative institute SSIAST (Sri Sri Institute of Agricultural Sciences & Technology Trust), Bengaluru, has the best agro technology for cultivation of this tree species.

PROPAGATION

It can be propagated from seeds, cuttings, grafting and tissue culture. For germination, collect seeds from ripened fruits and sun-dry for a week before use. Soak in water overnight and then use for sowing. Water regularly & keep the soil moist. Germination begins after 3 to 4 weeks as the seed coats are hard. Transplant the seedlings when they reach 1 ft height to plastic bags or pots. Alternatively, seedlings can be raised directly in plastic bags. Three months old saplings are suitable for transplantation to a desired place. Seeds durability is only for few months after ripening. Hence, better to sow ripened seeds as early as possible. Flowering usually starts after 6-8 years.

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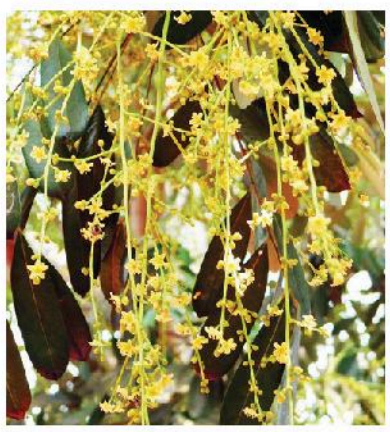

The tree has immense economic value as almost all parts are useful. Mainly seeds find use commercially in Central America for making edible oil. It contains 60% or more unsaturated fatty acids. Oil is free from bad cholesterol and fit for human consumption.

It is used in bakery products besides manufacture of soaps, detergents, varnishes, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, as biofuels, lubricants, etc. It is reported that the seed shells find use in the production of particle boards, activated charcoal and as fuel. The oil cake, a by-product, makes a good manure for the plants as it is rich in nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. The pulp and leaf litter can be used in vermin-compost production. The wood is used for boxes, crates, and veneer production as well as furniture items. Though the fruits are edible, they are not eaten as one cannot relish.

MEDICINAL USES

The tree has plenty of medicinal uses. In many Central American countries, bark & leaves are used in herbal medicine to cure viral, bacterial and protozoal diseases (malaria, fever, dysentery etc.).

The herbal medicine is supposed to be a powerful antibiotic with no side effects. The active compounds are supposed to be quassinoids (a kind of triterpenes): anti-amoebic and antimalarial. Leaves are believed to possess anti-cancer properties (potent) & effective on specific types of human cancer cell lines. In this connection, it is pertinent to mention the findings of a research group at JSS Institutions (Pharmacology) in a recent publication (Asha Jose et al in 'Front Pharmacol', 2018 March) wherein it is reported that chloroform (SGC) and ethyl acetate (SGEA) extract fractions of leaves that have potent anti-cancer activities due to the presence of tricaproin (TCN). It is reported that quassinoids also possess active cancer-killing properties. Indeed an admirable research findings by the scientists' team of the esteemed institution! Nevertheless there is great scope to explore the molecular mechanism responsible for cancer cell death in in-vivo conditions.

WHERE TO SEE

a) **Lingambudhi Lake Park**

b) **Telecom Layout Park adjacent to Bogadi Road, opposite SMART shop, near Harsha Bar.**

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Schools to re-open from tomorrow

Physical classes for Ninth and Tenth standards

Mysuru/Bengaluru, Aug. 22 (MK&DM)- With physical classes for Ninth and Tenth standards all set to start from tomorrow (Aug. 23) after a gap of nearly one and a half years amid COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Public Instruction has made all necessary arrangements to ensure the safety, health and well-being of children attending schools.

Addressing a press meet at Ideal Jawa Rotary School on JLB Road here yesterday, DDPI Ramachandraraje Urs said that the schools will re-open from tomorrow (Aug. 23) by following all COVID guidelines.

Pointing out that all schools have been asked to disinfect the entire premises, he said that schools have also been directed to take all necessary measures for ensuring the safety of children.

Only half-day classes

Pointing out that classes will be conducted only for half-a day (10am to 1.30 pm) for three days in a week, Ramachandraraje Urs said that the attendance, however, is not compulsory. Noting that there are a total of 766 High Schools in the district, including 232 Government, 45 run by the Social Welfare Department, 134 aided, 349 unaided Private Schools and 6 Kendriya Vidyalayas, he said that there are a total of 85,125 students from both the standards (9th and 10th).

Asserting that almost all students and their parents have expressed their support for re-opening of schools, he said that the students need not be hesitant to attend schools as all precautionary measures have been taken.

Maintaining that only 15 to 20 students will be allowed in a class room, he said that there will be eight periods of 40 minutes duration each in a week. Pointing out that wearing of face mask has been made mandatory for students, teachers and all other faculty, he said that schools have been ordered to provide hand sanitisers for use by students.

DDPI Ramachandraraje Urs addressing a press meet at Ideal Jawa Rotary School on JLB Road in city yesterday as Education Officer Udaykumar and South Zone BEO Ramaradhya look on.

No mid-day meals

Clarifying that there will be no mid-day meals, Urs said that however, all students will be provided hot water for drinking. Stating that children have to bring meals and water from their homes, the DDPI said that Nodal Officers have been appointed in each taluk for ensuring adherence of COVID appropriate Behaviour and other COVID guidelines.

All teachers vaccinated

Stating that all teaching and non-teaching staff of schools in the district have been vaccinated ahead of the reopening of schools, he said that 4,365 teachers of Government High Schools, 1,019 teachers of Aided Schools, 3,704 teachers of Unaided Schools have received their first dose of jab, he said that 2,417 teachers are yet to receive their second dose of jab.

Text books distribution

On distribution of text books, Ramachandraraje Urs said that the district has so far received only 30 percent of the requirement. Contending that the school book distribution will begin once the Department receives 50 percent of the demand, he said that an alternative arrangement has been made to ensure that there is no shortfall of text books, as per which 1.25 lakh books have been procured through lending from students who passed out last year.

On payment of school fee, Urs said that the Department is discussing the issue and soon and the Department will come up with a message to parents on payment of fees. Asserting that the fees will not be a burden on parents, he said that a decision will be taken soon if Schools insist the students on payment of fee for issuance of transfer certificate.

Bridge Course

Continuing, the DDPI said that the first two weeks of classes will be reserved for a 'Bridge Course', in order to re-acclimatise the students to physical classes as schools were shut for nearly 18 months.

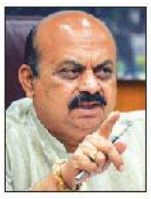
Referring to bus pass issue, Urs said that the previous bus pass have not been completely utilised by students as schools were shut down in March last year following the outbreak of the deadly pandemic.

Pointing out that the bus pass issue has been discussed with the District Minister in-Charge of COVID and Flood Relief Management, he said that the KSRTC authorities have been appealed to consider the previous year bus pass of students for travel, atleast for now.

The Department will be in constant touch with KSRTC authorities in case the students face problems in bus travel, he said and expressed hope that there would not be any travel hurdles for students.

State all set for re-opening of schools from tomorrow

The State is all set to re-open Schools and PU Colleges for classes Ninth to Twelfth standards from tomorrow (Aug.23).



Basavaraj Bommai

Based on the recommendation of the Expert Committee, the classes will be held only for three days a week (on alternate days of the week), with just 15 to 20 students in a classroom.

As of now, schools have been permitted to re-open only for 9th to 12th standards (9th,10th, First PU and Second PU), with all Government SOPs in place. Regarding re-opening of Schools for other classes (First to Eighth standards), Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has convened a meeting of experts, officials and all other stake holders on Aug. 31 at Bengaluru, where a decision on the date of re-opening of schools for Standards First to Eighth will be taken.

Schools will not re-open tomorrow in three districts, including Kodagu

Though Schools are set to re-open in the State from Monday, Aug. 23, the State Government has given instructions that in the three southern districts of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kodagu, Schools will remain closed until further notice as COVID-19 Positivity rate is more in these districts.

The Education Department had earlier said that it was not going to allow schools to re-open from Monday in five districts due to high Corona Positivity rate. However, as the districts of Hassan and Chikkamagalur reported positivity rate of less than 2 percent of late, the Schools in these two districts are opening from tomorrow, it is learnt.

Women, children found begging rescued

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (KS)- Five women and 10 children who were found begging in city have been rescued by the Anti-Human Trafficking unit of the Mysuru City Women's Police Station, Children's Special Police units, District Children Protection unit, Labour Department and Children Helpline-1098 yesterday.

The women and children were found begging near K.R. Circle, City Bus Stand, B.C. Lingaiah Circle and KRS Ring Road Traffic Signal light and have been shifted to Sthree Sevanikethan in Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, Girls Balamandira and Boys Balamandira.

DCPs Pradeep Gunti (Law and Order) and M.S. Geetha Prasanna (Crime and Traffic) and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shashidhar guided Women's Police Station Inspector V.D. Mamatha, Sub-Inspector S. Jayakumari and staff Mamatha, Rathna and Shwetha, Anti Human Trafficking unit staff Sudarshan, Shivakumar, Mahesh, Nagendra and Padmavathi, Rukminiamma of Children's Special Police unit, Bhaskar and Vijay M. Naika of District and City Children Rescue unit, Prem Kumar and Nitesh Kumar of Children Helpline-1098, and others took part.

TET for appointment of teachers held

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (RKB&DM)- About 11,500 eligible candidates from Mysuru district alone appeared for Karnataka Teachers Eligibility Test-2021(KARTET-2021), which was held today (Aug. 22) in city amidst weekend curfew.

In Mysuru, the TET for appointment of teachers in schools, was held at 31 centres spread across the city and a total of 11,427 registered candidates (4,248 for morning session and 7,179 for afternoon session), had opted for centres in Mysuru.

The Paper-1 was held in the morning session (9.30 am to 12 noon) and Paper-2 in the afternoon session (2 to 4.30 pm).

The exam was conducted with all Government SOPs in place and under tight Police security. All the exam halls were cleaned and sanitised ahead of the exam. Also, all candidates were asked to strictly adhere to COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, such as wearing of face mask and maintenance of physical distancing.

Health check up counters were set up at the entrance of all exam centres, where the candidates underwent thermal screening and candidates who were found with COVID -19 symptoms such as cough, cold and fever were tested for Oxygen Saturation level.

As a precautionary and safety measure, the authorities had reserved special rooms at all exam centres for those who were found symptomatic.

Also, an ambulance was reserved for meeting any health emergencies.

The Police had issued prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC in 200 Mt. radius around all the exam centres. All photocopy shops in the vicinity of the centres were asked to shut down for the day.

Bribe to issue khata: Village Accountant trapped by ACB Police

Mysuru, Aug. 22 (RK&KS) - Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) Police, have caught a Village Accountant (VA) red handed while he was accepting bribe from an 81-year-old man to issue khata for the agricultural land.

Manjunath

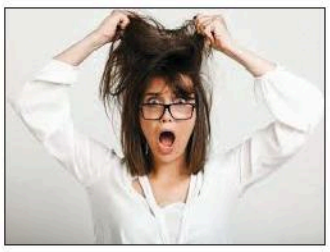
The VA who was caught is 49-year-old Manjunath, of Bannikuppe Gram Panchayat in Hunsur taluk. Bogachari, the 81-year-old resident of Madhugirikoppal in the taluk, had applied for the khata for his agricultural land and Manjunath had demanded Rs. 10,000 bribe to issue the same.

Manjunath, who had received Rs. 2,000 as advance began to demand for the balance amount from Bogachari, who then lodged a complaint at the ACB SP's Office in city. The ACB Police, who had registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, conducted a raid, when Manjunath was accepting Rs. 7,000 and caught him red handed.

ACB SP Arunamshu Giri and Dy.SP Parashuramappa guided Inspectors Karim Rawthar and Mohan Krishna and staff Guruprasad, Nagesh, Manjunath, Chethan and Pushpalatha in the raid and trapping operation.

WORD OF THE DAY

Tousle



Pronunciation: TOW-zul.
Meaning: To make untidy (especially someone's hair).
Origin: Tousle is a word that has been through what linguists call a "functional shift." That's a fancy way of saying it was originally one part of speech, then gradually came to have an additional function. Tousle started out as a verb back in the 15th century and, after a few centuries of grooming, debuted as a noun referring to a tangled mass (also often used to talk about messy hair), as in "he had a thick tousle of hair." Etymologists connect tousle to an Old High German word meaning "to pull to pieces."
Example: "Mr. Sliwa grinned as he touseled a Shih Tzu named Sonnyboy, calling him a 'puffball.'" — Nate Schweber, The New York Times, 22 June 2021.

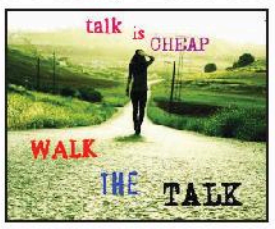
THE ODD WORD

Taenia

Band; tapeworm; fillet.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Talk the talk, walk the walk



Meaning: The term "talk the talk, walk the walk" is a phrase in English that means a person should support what they say, not just with words, but also through action.
Origin: The English phrases "talk the talk" and "walk the walk" can be used together, or each might be used separately. This expression means that a person should back up their talking with action. For example, someone might say they can easily do 100 push-ups without breaking a sweat. Another person who doubts their claim might tell them to "walk the walk" instead of just talking about it. In other words, they are saying "show me, don't tell me." Anyway, how old is this phrase? It looks like it is at least around 200 years old. According to The Phrase Finder, the earliest usage of this expression comes from the Mansfield News, an Ohio newspaper printed in June 1921. A line from the newspaper reads: "Although he has no gilded medals upon his bosom, Howard Herring of the North American Watch company, walks the walk, and talks the talk, of a hero today."

QUOTE BOX

Life imposes things on you that you can't control, but you still have the choice of how you're going to live through this. **—Celine Dion**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer: A feminine touch.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Ridge or lump raised on the skin
5 Subject to laughter or ridicule
8 Hurried or ran past, in a way?
12 Ever and ___ : every now and then
13 Air Data Ref.
14 Tile of respect for German man?
15 Indian peasant
16 Rumanian coin
17 A song from an opera
18 Himalayan animal
19 Ripening or maturing
21 Greek goddess of dawn
23 U-turn from NNW
24 Presides over
28 Expert
31 Give birth to
32 Piercing tool
33 Uprising
34 Ambulance person: abbr.
35 Outlook for the future
37 No longer new
38 Likely or fitting
39 Jumpers
44 Ultra High Frequency
47 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
48 Assoc. in Pub. Admin.
49 Singing group
50 Capital of Ukraine
51 Camcorder button
52 This place
53 To be (Latin)
54 System of musical tones
55 Functions

DOWN
1 On your guard!
2 One-named Irish singer
3 Saw or observed (6,2)
4 It can move mountains
5 Breathing sound
6 Original thought
7 Capital of Belgium
8 ___ Warne : Retired Aussie spinner
9 Persian fairy
10 Eire or Ireland ?
11 Move slowly
19 Former Rus. state
20 CIA predecessor
22 Over in verse
24 English honour, for short
25 Original Equip. Manufacturer
26 African ant-eater
27 Pair
28 Paints or represents
29 Decay or decompose
30 Officers Training School, acronym
33 Agent
35 Palestine Liberation Organization, in short ?
36 Step in ballet
37 Oily fruit
39 Small dog, for short - "keep" anagram?
40 Exodus author Leon ___
41 Wine sediment
42 A French duelling sword
43 Suggestive
45 Put to work
46 Enemies
49 Wed successor

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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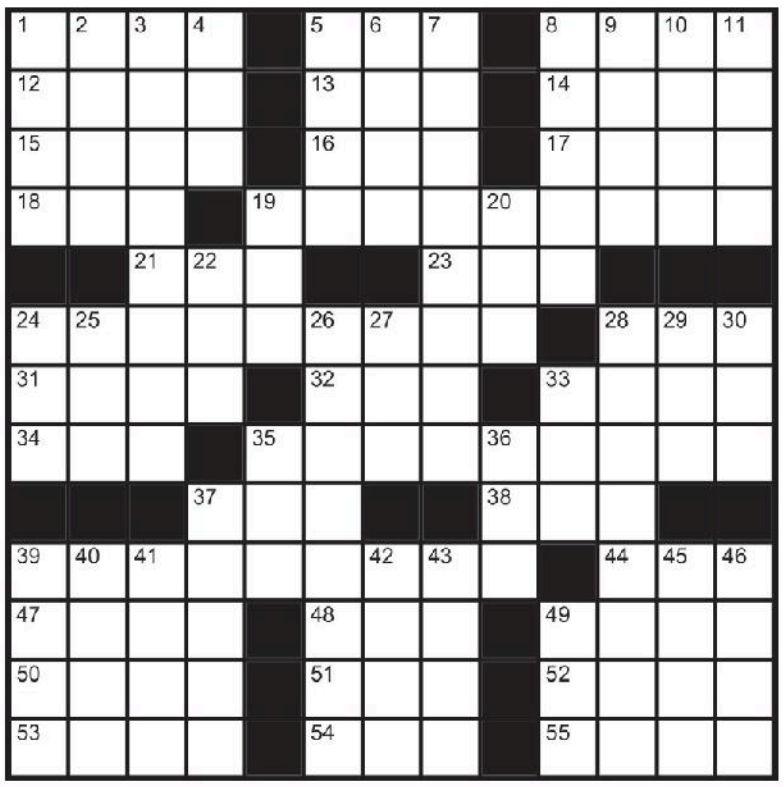

SUDOKU

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		8				1		
		3			5		7	
9	8			4	1			2
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					2		8	

Answer to previous puzzle

8	5	2	4	3	7	1	9	6
9	3	1	6	5	2	4	8	7
4	7	6	1	8	9	5	3	2
6	9	4	2	7	5	3	1	8
3	1	7	9	4	8	2	6	5
5	2	8	3	1	6	7	4	9
1	8	9	5	2	3	6	7	4
2	6	3	7	9	4	8	5	1
7	4	5	8	6	1	9	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Y IAYSAB UYDAP QAMQIA FZABA UZAR FYLU UM TM. Y TBAYU

IAYSAB UYDAP QAMQIA FZABA UZAR SML'U LAHAPPYBVIR

FYLU UM TM COU FZABA UZAR MOTZU UM CA.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If you can give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be enthusiasm.

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	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 6.25 pm
Bell Bottom (3D-H)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 3.50 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-2)	11 am, 6.25 pm
Shardula (K)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
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	(S-4)	5.00 pm
The Conjuring (E)	(S-4)	11.00 am
Shardula (K)	(S-3)	2.20 pm
Groufie (K)	(S-3)	5.45 pm
Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-3)	11.20 am
Raja Raja Chora (Te)	(S-4)	1.40 pm

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Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	:	2.30 pm
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Kanabadutaledu (Te)	:	2.20 pm
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Jeevnane Natka Samy (K)	(S-4)	11.30 am, 4 pm

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KSCA Mysuru U-19 team ready for Inter-Zonal Tournament

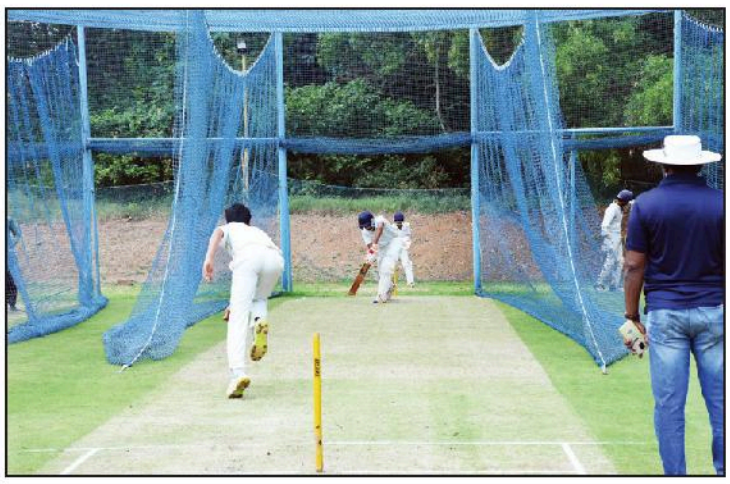
Young cricketers enthusiastically taking part in the selection trials conducted by KSCA Mysuru Zone at SDNR Wadiyar Ground on Aug. 13 to select players for U-19 team.

Mysuru, Aug. 22- The following players have been selected to represent Mysuru Zone in the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) Inter-Zonal Tournament for U-19 for the year 2021-22 to be played at Bangaluru:

A. Abhay Rangan (Captain), L. Manvanth Kumar (Vice-Captain), M.K. Yashwanth (Wicket-Keeper), S.U. Karthik, S. Suman, Mohammed Kaif Basha, C.S. Aryan Kaveriappa, Mohammed Fawaz, S. Ishaan, K.A. Jathan, J. Mourya, Yashwanth Patel (WK), Hrishab A. Singavi, Surendra Rathore and Likith S. Gowda.

Stand-byes: B. Bhuvan, A.S. Dhanush Raje Urs, P. Pavan Bharadwaj, S. Chethan and L.N. Aryan. **Coach:** S.J. Shashank; **Manager:** K.R. Pavan.

The above players have been asked to report on Aug. 23 at 5.30 pm at SDNR Wadiyar Ground, according to a press release from KSCA Mysuru Zone Convenor S. Sudhakar Rai.



EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 22)

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Digital moonlight music programme, Pt. Anirudh Aithal presents Hindustani concert, accompanied by Pt. Tejas R. Katoti on harmonium, Pt. Kiran Yavagal on tabla, YouTube: http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline OR Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP OR Website: http://jssonline.org, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 23)

Sri Raghavendra Prakashana, Aravindanagar: Book release — 'Vismayagala Yati Sri Raghavendra Swamygalu' authored by S. Nagaraja, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Central Warehousing Corporation Director Dr. G. Ravi, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, former Presidents of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal and M. Chandrashekar will be present, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **11 am.**

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Exams Training Centre: Valedictory of CET coaching, Conservator of Forests (CF)-Mysuru Circle T. Hiralal wishes the candidates, KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar presides, Registrar Prof. R. Rajanna will be present, VC auditorium, **11 am.**

Sri Ramadhama, Udayagiri: Sri Raghavendra Gurusarvabhouma's 350th Aradhana Mahotsava, Bhajans by Sri Vishweshakrishna Bhajana Mandali, Sri Ramadhama, 3rd Cross, Udayagiri, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

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